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BLOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEK

Taylor students are invited to help save a life by donating blood next week. The blood draw will be held Tuesday, Feb. 8 in the Kesler Student Activities Center. Students can sign up for a slot between 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. by e-mailing Austin York or Whitney Sweet with a time they can donate. Students will receive E-mail reminders. Pizza and refreshments will be provided to those who donate, courtesy of the American Red Cross. The goal is to collect 95 units of blood, which is about 130 people.

THE MAGIC FLUTE OPENS

Taylor University Opera theater and the performing artist series presents “The Magic Flute” by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The performance will be held this evening and on Saturday at 8 p.m. in Butz-Carruth Recital Hall. The final show will be Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for children 12 years and younger, \$10 for students and \$12 for adults. Students and staff can stop by the Theatre Box Office to purchase tickets.

“The Magic Flute” centers on a noble prince and his pursuit for his princess, who just so happens to be a bird catcher looking for a mate herself. Unfortunately, an evil queen plots against the forces of good, making the journey for love more difficult.

WEEKEND WEATHER

Today

29°
17°



Saturday

33°
24°



Sunday

36°
27°



Photo by Tim Riechmiller

A Taylor student dives into the fresh, cold water of the new two-lane lap pool in the Eichling Aquatics Wing, which opened officially for student use Jan. 31.

EICHLING AQUATICS WING AND LAP POOL OPEN FOR STUDENT USE

Two-lane lap pool is one of the highlights of Taylor’s most recent building projects

For the first time in Taylor’s history, students are exchanging their thick winter jackets, gloves and knee high snow boots for swimsuits.

The Eichling Aquatic Wing is now open for business after several months of construction. The two-lane lap pool opened early on Monday morning, just in time for students to change into their swimsuits and take their morning swim.

“When I heard Taylor was going to have a pool I got excited and wanted to apply right away,” said senior LaJoya Smith, a new student lifeguard supervisor. “I work in Marion at the YMCA there so having a pool close to school was definitely something I wanted to be part of.”

According to Brad Zarges, the pool’s supervisor, the new wing includes the pool, two changing rooms, a Human Performance Lab, six faculty offices and two large classrooms.

The lap pool, he said, offers the “appropriate size facility to satisfy the typical demand for the size of Taylor University and our community.” The addition is currently open for students only. Faculty and their spouses will soon have the opportunity to purchase a pool membership in early March.

Open lap swimming is scheduled from 5:30 a.m. to 8 a.m., 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Students are asked to sign a log book before enter-

ing the water in order to keep track of the number of swimmers. They are also required to leave their ID with the lifeguard on duty.

According to senior Erika Hapner, another student supervisor, female swimmers must wear a one-piece swimsuit, and street clothes are prohibited except for a “clean t-shirt that can be worn over a swimsuit for modesty purposes.”

Swimmers are asked to use “Circle-Swimming” to permit the maximum number of students in each lane, and only 10 swimmers are allowed to swim at one time. Hanging out in the pool is prohibited, and students must swim actual laps. The pool cannot be rented out to wings for pick-a-dates or wing activities, Hapner said.

Beginning swimming classes, lifeguard training and a water safety instructor courses are also available to students. Other exercise options including water aerobics will be available late February or early March. The pool is also currently used for athletic training and rehabilitation.

Angie Fincannon, Taylor’s athletic director, hopes that swimming lessons will be made available to the community in the future.

“It’s a beautiful facility and we feel very blessed

to have it,” she said. “As a campus that believes in wellness, we want to encourage opportunities for students, faculty and the community to be good stewards of their bodies in various capacities.”

The aquatics wing is a gift from several donors, including Eichling, who was a relative of a current Taylor student. According to Fincannon, Eichling swam every day and attributed his swimming to staying healthy throughout his life. He shared his love from swimming with his family, who saw the need for the pool as form of wellness.

With her first day as student supervisor under her belt, Hapner cannot wait for the opportunities in store.

“It’s fun to see people’s faces and hear their thoughts about Taylor actually having a pool now,” she said. “I also really appreciate how positive, polite, and compliant other students have been when the lifeguards need to enforce a rule or explain the sign-in procedure.”

Fincannon couldn’t agree more.

“I love the opportunity and the potential it provides not only exercise for rehabilitation training but for the chances to learn skills in aquatics,” she said. “I think it’s a tremendous benefit for the students and the community who get the opportunity to use it.”

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WINTER STORM SHUTS DOWN CAMPUS

WEDNESDAY CLASSES CANCELED AND OFFICES CLOSED DUE TO ICY BLASTS PUMMELING UPLAND

Extreme weather conditions took their toll on Taylor University’s campus this week. All university offices were closed and classes canceled on Wednesday as a result. Taylor officials continually monitored the situation before making the decision to close and repeatedly e-mailed campus over several days to keep students and staff updated on the situation.

Some students spent their snow day watching television, sleeping in and socializing—all done in the warmth and safety of the dorms, which thankfully did not lose electricity during the storms.

“Most of it fell in sleet, which saved us in terms of electricity, but now it’s all congealed on the ground and frozen—that ice is going to be with us for a while,” said Jim Garringer, director of Media Relations at Taylor. “We had plenty of advanced warning of the storm, which really helped. For the most part people took the situation seriously . . . the key is to take your time when traveling and dress appropriately.”

Taylor isn’t known for closing on a whim, and has only closed due to weather a few times in recent history.

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On Feb. 14, 2007, a blizzard halted classes and activities for the day, and an ice storm in 2005 shut down campus for two days. Electricity was lost during the ice storm, and campus was directed to the KSAC, where back-up generators were functioning.

Garringer discussed the last few times Taylor was closed due to extenuating weather conditions.

“As storms go, this was the mildest of the three,” Garringer said.

Chief of Police Jeff Wallace is one of the officials involved in helping determine whether or not campus should close and monitoring emergency situations that could arise due to the extreme conditions. During times such as this week, Wallace starts out by continually gathering information from various sources, such as the Grant County Emergency Management Association (EMA) and the Grant County Sheriff’s Department to check the level of advisories.

“I share that information with Taylor Provost Dr. Steve Bedi. He in turn shares that information with several other administrative offices on cam-



Photo by Tim Riechmiller

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Sophomore Brennan Meyar scrapes ice off his car window after the storm.

WINTER STORM CONTINUED...

pus,” Wallace said. “They then collectively decide on how best to move forward.”

While decisions to close based on the weather are often made early in the morning, this week’s closing was decided Tuesday evening, and the campus was notified via e-mail before 10 p.m.

While students could have walked to class or other commitments, much of Taylor’s staff or faculty would have had to brave treacherous roads to get to Taylor’s campus, a factor in the decision. That, combined with the knowledge that the storm was supposed to get worse, helped officials make the decision the night before.

“Getting that notification out as early as possible is always better,” Wallace said. “We always want to be looking out for the safety of the whole campus family, and we really try to make that decision as soon as possible.”

Wallace credits much of the lack of incidents during the storm to Taylor facility services (maintenance/buildings

and grounds) staff, most of whom worked night and day to clear Taylor’s roads and sidewalks.

“All of the facility services staff have been working nonstop, and they really deserve so much of the credit,” Wallace said. “They kept the campus accessible, and several individuals stayed all night working on the campus with trucks and plows, then worked the next day. They’ve been continually pushing snow or shoveling. It’s been a long couple of days for them.”

Wallace also mentioned their work was greatly aided by Taylor’s campus observing the e-mail requests.

“We had a lot of cooperation from all of campus, the faculty, staff and students. They were staying safe and off the roadways, and the lack of traffic really helps us as we work at snow removal.”

While Taylor facility services staff was busy getting and keeping campus safe, students reveled in their day off.

Michael Bocker, a media communication freshman, appreciated his snow day and spent his free time baking with his

sister, Heather Bocker, who works in Admissions.

“I enjoyed it, though it can get boring. But I do love sleeping in.”

Liz Goldsmith, a senior history/media communication major, watched the five-hour long “Pride and Prejudice” film with her roommates.

“It was great because it’s early enough in the semester that you can be lazy and not have repercussions,” Goldsmith said.

Kim McGary, secretary in career development, got a snow day as well because all university offices were closed. McGary spent time with her husband and organized things around her house.

“I was thrilled—I didn’t have to drive the seven miles to campus.”

While the sun was out shining strong and friendly on Thursday as the campus routine started back up again, Taylor’s campus won’t be saying goodbye to snow just yet—more snow is predicted this weekend, as winter storms continue to blow across the country.

TASSLE TURN MELTS SENIOR SCOOP

NEW TAYLOR TRADITION CREATED; SEMI-FORMAL BANQUET TO REPLACE SENIOR EVENT IN MAY

JON STROSHINE
CONTRIBUTOR

With so little time before the school year ends and so much to do, college seniors could use a little advance warning about all they need to accomplish before graduation.

That idea is the concept behind “100 Days ‘til the Tassel Turns,” a new senior tradition scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 9 and organized by Inter-Class Council (ICC) and the alumni office.

“Together we [ICC and the alumni office] have thought up, planned and made arrangements for the banquet, with the goal of giving the seniors a way to celebrate our final 100 days as college students,” said senior class officer Emily Palladin.

The event comes 100 days before graduation, and organizers hope it will provide fun and prepare seniors for graduation.

“When we talked about it as an office, we looked at all of the things that seniors get asked to do or have to do in their last semester,” said Brent Rudin, Taylor’s associate vice president for alumni and parent relations. “We also wanted the make their

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last few weeks—and their last semester—as meaningful and special as we could. That’s when we decided to move ahead with the 100 Day event.”

The evening, which will be held in Hodson Dining Commons’ Alspaugh Rooms, will feature a variety of events, starting with a reception and photo booth at 5:30 p.m. At the photo booth, seniors will have the chance to take pictures with their friends.

Those events will be followed by a dinner and several speakers, including a challenge to the soon-to-be-graduates from senior class Vice President Kayla Birt.

Also included will be the distribution of to-do lists for seniors to complete before graduating, with the hope that seniors who attend will have a head start on all they need to do before graduation.

Finally, the event will provide the chance for seniors to order class rings, graduation announcements and caps and gowns.

“This is a totally new tradition and different from anything we’ve done before,” Rudin said. “But this is one of the main reasons why we have an alumni office—to

provide meaningful experiences for our students and alumni that connect people with one another and with the university.”

This event is a re-branding of what used to be known as “Senior Scoop Night,” an event when seniors gathered together, ate ice cream and picked up their caps and gowns.

That event was held toward the end of the semester.

However, upon realizing the glut of activities scheduled for the last few weeks of the semester, ICC and the alumni and parent relations department decided to move the event to an earlier date.

“The original Senior Scoop fell in May of past years, and we know that typically is a very busy time for seniors,” Palladin said. “We thought it would be a nice way to celebrate the “beginning of the end” as well as give more details so no one feels too “out of the loop” as the end of the year approaches.”

Seniors have until Monday at 5 p.m. to sign up. Sign-ups are available at the front desks of all residence halls, as well as in the career development office. Dr. Jones is offering extra credit to senior seminar students who attend the event.

A CLOSER LOOK AT A TAYLOR TRUSTEE

DOCTOR SHANI GRAY IS ONE OF THE LATEST TO JOIN GROWING AND DIVERSE TRUSTEE COMMITTEE

As a high school student, Shani Gray wanted to be an FBI agent, not a teacher. She hoped to attend the University of Florida, not a Christian college.

She is now 33-year-old Gray, a Taylor University Fort Wayne (TUFW) alumna, associate professor of criminal justice at Valdosta State University, and recent appointee to Taylor University’s Board of Trustees.

God works in mysterious ways.

“My mom was convinced that her daughter was going to go to a Christian school, and her daughter was convinced that she was going to the University of Florida,” Gray said. “Her daughter had not asked God what he wanted.”

Gray had accepted Christ when she was 8 years old, but it was not until she turned 16 that she fully understood and embraced that decision.

“[I realized] that what God wants me to do is more important than what anybody else wants me to do,” she said.

She found out that TUFW had a criminal justice program, and circumstances and nudges from God prompted her to make that the campus she visited.

For a girl who had grown up in Miami, Fla., Fort Wayne was a cold, small, different place. But the minute she arrived on the TUFW campus, it felt right.

“There were a lot of things that for most people would’ve scared them away, but I felt like that’s where God (wanted me),” Gray said.

LIZ GOLDSMTIH
STAFF WRITER

relaxing on the porch or in the hammock with a good audio-book, or playing sports, especially basketball. Lately, however, she’s also been planning her wedding.

Last year, she met Sam through eHarmony. He moved from Minneapolis to Georgia, and they are to be married next month.

Also last year, Dr. Daryl Yost, a former TUFW provost, nominated Gray for Taylor’s Board of Trustees. In November, she was appointed to the position.

Essentially, the Board of Trustees acts as a governance for Taylor. Board mem-

bers are expected to pray for and support the university. Throughout the year, they meet as an entire board and in smaller committees.

As a board member, Gray sees another opportunity to pursue the passions God has placed on her heart to demonstrate his love.

“Everyone who goes to Taylor doesn’t live in Upland,” she said. “They’re going to go back to their communities, they’re going to go around the world, and they’re going to be an impact to people they come in contact with, whether they know it or not.”

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Where: Indiana Convention Center
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Indianapolis, IN 46225

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Sign up in the Career Development Office by February 18 to receive an excused absence.

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FRIDAY

CHAPEL-MR. SKYE JETHANI, WHEATON, IL
Rediger Auditorium
10 a.m.

“THE MAGIC FLUTE” OPERA
Butz-Carruth Recital Hall
\$10 for students, \$12 for adults, \$8 for children under 12
8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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8 p.m.

SUNDAY

“THE MAGIC FLUTE” OPERA
Butz-Carruth Recital Hall
\$10 for students, \$12 for adults, \$8 for children under 12
3 p.m.

VESPERS
Rediger Auditorium
8 p.m.

MONDAY

CHAPEL-DR. ERIK THOENNES, LA MIRADA, CA
Spiritual Renewal Week
Rediger Auditorium
10 a.m.

SYSTEMS SEMINAR
Ms. Kelly (McCann) Casanova
Nussbaum 122
4-5 p.m.

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL EVENING MEETING
Dr. Erik Thoennes
Rediger Auditorium
7:30 p.m.

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Kesler Student Activities Center
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10 a.m.

Sudan’s split results in a new name and renewed spirit

BY CHRISTEN GALL
World News Editor

Sudan will soon give up the recognition as Africa’s largest nation to take on a second name as the nation splits in two.

The people of Southern Sudan voted to secede from the north when votes from the recent election were finally counted late last week.

The Republic of South Sudan is the name the Southern Sudanese have chosen for their soon-to-be nation, which will be officially announced on Feb. 14.

According to the Associated Press on the Jan. 9 election, 99 percent of the south voted to secede from the mostly Arab north after years of violence and civil war.

Southern Sudanese voters in the United States and in eight foreign countries overwhelmingly supported secession, according to the Associated Press. Over three million voters cast votes in the election counted by the Southern Sudan Referendum Commission (SSRC).

According to Benjamin Marial, minister for information in the southern government, Sudan has been trying to decide on a name since

the 1950s, when separatist groups began. Azania, Nile Republic, Kush Republic and even Juwama—an acronym for Juba, Wau and Malakal, three cities in Southern Sudan—are some names that have been popular. A writer from Baobab, an African blog by The Economist writes that the Sudanese people seem to think names like Nile Republic or Kush Republic are too Christian in nature to represent the whole nation. Even devout Christians didn’t believe either of the names would represent the entire nation with a large Muslim population and many animists.

An independent nation is expected to be created on July 9, and Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir has agreed to accept the new nation. President al-Bashir is a wanted man by the International Criminal Court in Hague for war crimes in Darfur. Students in Khartoum, the capital of Sudan, rioted Sunday for his removal.

Removal is far from Salva Kiir, Sudan’s Vice President’s mind. He was promoted to the Southern Sudan’s President in landslide elections late in 2010.

Kiir is a graduate of Sudan Military College and a rebel commander of Sudan People’s Liberation Army

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(SPLA). He was promoted to the vice presidency after his work for the 2005 peace treaty with the north.

News sources do not give Kiir credit as a natural speaker or even a great politician. They paint him as an everyday man who can often be seen sporting a cowboy hat in public. This average man persona is exactly what the people of the Southern Sudan are looking for in a leader.

Finding a leader is only one of the many issues that Sudan must consider in the coming months if the people hope for a peaceful split.

Oil and the division of land are expected to cause tension between the northern and southern Sudanese occupants. Poverty and the devastation caused by constant warfare will be issues both nations will have to address in the near future.

Sudan’s southern occupants seem prepared. A new anthem has already been written and composed.

Last year, a collection of 49 poets wrote lyrics to “South Sudan Oyeel” the anthem about Sudan’s history, resources and the struggle of the southern people, according to BBC. The tune was composed by a group of students from Juba University in a talent show looking for the best musical arrangement of the song.

The old anthem was militaristic and somber in style, but the new anthem has a lighter, fresh feel to it symbolizing the excitement of the Southern Sudanese people.



“This regime’s legitimacy is finished, with its president, with his deputy, its ministers, its party, its Parliament. We said this clearly. We refuse to negotiate with it because it has lost its legitimacy.”

-Essam el-Erian, senior leader of the Islamist organization speaks about the situation in Egypt.

Forty years of lighthouse trips celebrated this year

BY STEPHANIE JEWELL
Contributor

The Czech Republic is one of the warmest places I’ve ever been. Sure, we were the only Lighthouse team that had to deal with scarves, coats and boots meant for the wintery tundra. What I really mean is that the Czech people greeted us with warm hearts and an openness to hearing about God that none of us expected.

As we celebrate the 40th year that the Lighthouse program has sent teams around the globe, we remember all of the destinations that have been impacted for Christ by our teams time after time. Students rough it to live in places they would never normally see to share the love of God, and countless people have given their lives to the Lord.

To the Czech team, this was a bit intimidating. We didn’t have to rough it. We didn’t return with bug bites reminiscent of alien movies. We didn’t see a single person make a decision to follow Christ.

But don’t think for a minute that we feel disheartened or that God didn’t work through our trip. The little successes meant the world to us as we worked with some amazing people in Chotebor.

Our days were spent teaching English in four different schools with students ranging from sixth graders who cannot speak English to conversational 22-year-olds. The simple fact that we are native English speakers was enough to excite the kids and make them jump at the chance to come to our evening events.

Our nights were filled with games, sports, and more games. We worked with a ministry called Caleb’s Heart,

which is run by an American missionary named Joanie Hull. After the eight years she has spent in the Czech, she has really gotten the swing of the language and the culture and realizes that the best way to attract kids is through sports and fun activities, especially in a country that is so secular.

We invited all of our students to come play sports with us, and from the sixth graders to 22-year-old trade school student Filip, they came.

“Realistically, I think the fact that so many students were coming regularly to games and sports knowing we were Christians was amazing,” junior Hannah Ehrsam said. “We helped Joanie come in contact with a lot of youth and our hope is that now that the initial contact is made, those students will continue to come to events.”

From the gym, our hope was that students would follow us to the games and discussion session afterwards. We sang worship songs and discussed general themes like friendship, relationships and family. So even if the kids only came to practice their English, they were exposed to our Christian worldview on daily life.

And, to our surprise, they really listened. “It was evident in the youth we interacted with that there is a new-found curiosity in God,” sophomore Jordyn Henson said. “Because there are not many Christian adults, there also aren’t very many churches where kids can attempt to even seek out this interest if they wanted to.”

That’s where Joanie’s ministry comes in. Not only does she take care of the youth group, but she also mentors some gypsy boys in the town by teaching them about English and the



Photo by Josh Veigas

The 2011 Czech Republic Lighthouse Team poses during weekly preparations for teaching, leading and ministering to the locals.

Bible. These boys and all the other gypsies have to deal with harsh discrimination from mainstream Czech society, but their charisma and love for beat-boxing was all it took for us to adore them.

While I could go on forever about the kids we connected with, our translator friends who have a serious passion for the Lord and the heart-stopping sights of Prague and Auschwitz, I will just end with this.

The Czech Republic may have a frigid climate and a lot of leftover skepticism from the Communist Era, but the people are curious and ready to hear about God. Through our invitation and Joanie’s continued support, they now have that opportunity.

And we got to experience some of the warmest people we’ve ever met.

On This Day in History

- 1783 - Britain declared a formal cessation of hostilities with its former colonies, the United States of America.
- 1861 - Delegates from six southern states met in Montgomery, Ala., to form the Confederate States of America.
- 1904 - The Russo-Japanese War began after Japan laid siege to Port Arthur.
- 1948 - Ceylon gained independence within the British Commonwealth. The country later became known as Sri Lanka.
- 1993 - Russian scientists unfurled a giant mirror in orbit and flashed a beam of sunlight across Europe during the night. Observers saw it only as a momentary flash.

Around the World in 30 Seconds



Continued tension in Egypt

Egypt - Violence and protests have recently plagued Cairo other cities in Egypt. President Hosni Mubarak, who had previously stated in an interview with BBC News that he is “fed up” with power. Mr. Mubarak is only held to his position by the fear that the country would collapse and be taken over by the Islamist Muslim Brotherhood party.

Moscow Bombing

Russia - Prime Minister Vladimir Putin demanded retribution for the airport bombing on Jan. 25, which killed 35 people. President Dmitri Medvedev blamed airport workers for not stopping the attack.

Blasphemy Law

Pakistan- The blasphemy laws in Pakistan have silenced the one leader who spoke out against them. In January, Punjab governor Salman Taseer opsed the laws and was killed by one of his bodyguards. Pakistan People's Party MP Sherry

Rehman decided to say something, but recently retracted her statements after receiving several death threats.

General supports revolution

Tunisia - Popular military leader General Rachid Anmar pledged the army’s support to revolutionary-minded crowds in Tunis stating, “Our revolution is your revolution.”

Passengers arrive safely from Cairo

Great Britain - A delayed flight from Egypt carrying 161 British passengers arrived safely in London, following the violence in Cairo. The Foreign Office of Great Britain told BBC News a second chartered plane is on standby for Saturday because of the unpredictable situation.

Jhalanath Khanal named Prime Minister

Nepal - Jhalanath Khanal was elected as prime minister of Nepal after several months of stalemate within the legislative government,

and called upon his opposing party for support. Nepal, once a Hindu monarchy, has struggled to create a democratic government since 2006.

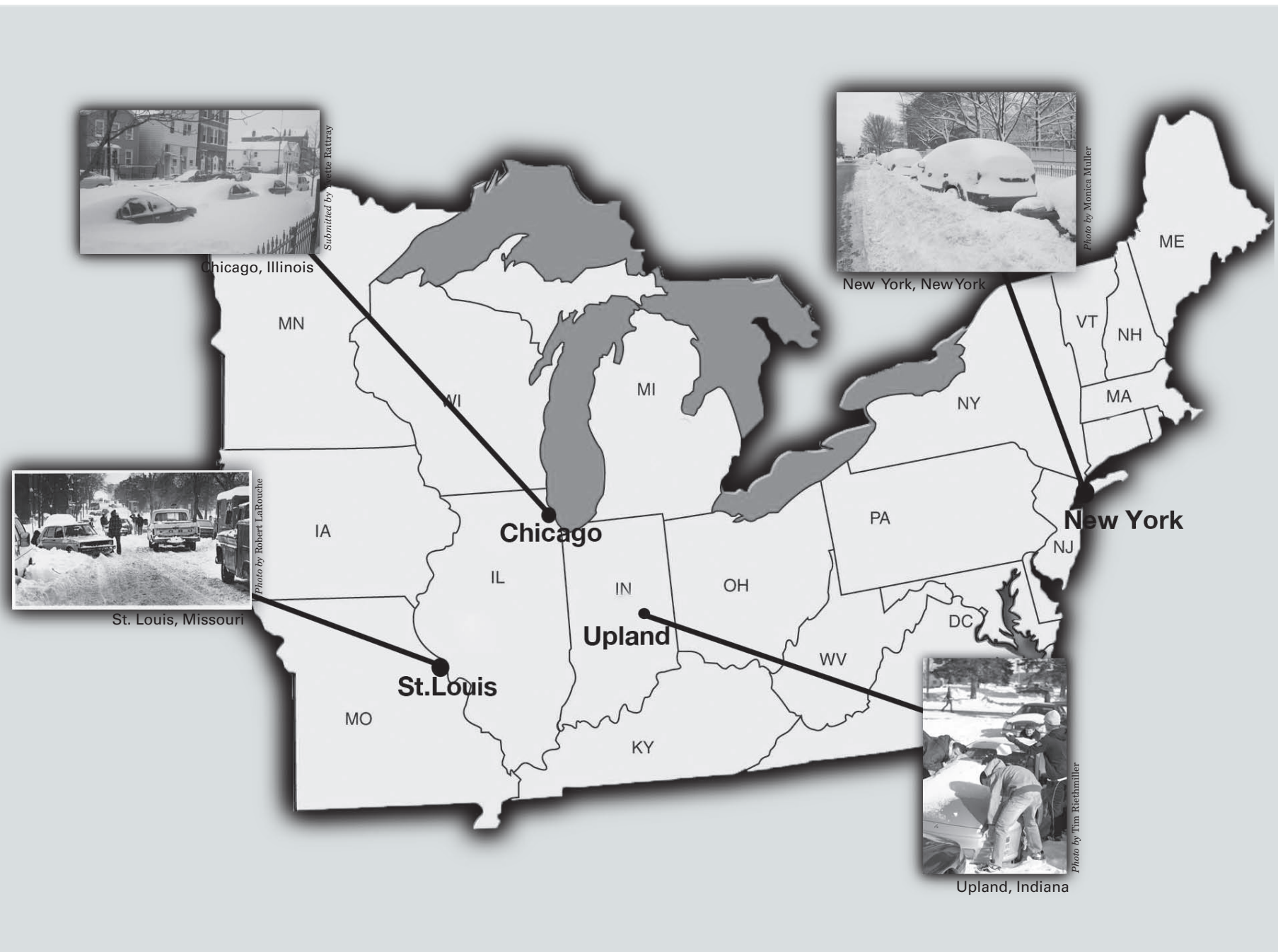
Storm ravages Queensland

Australia - Cyclone Yasi hit the state of Queensland in northeastern Australia. Although there have been no known deaths, there are two reports of missing persons. The damage occurred mostly to power and electricity lines and large amounts of debris.

Document Leak In Palestine

Jerusalem - Internal Palestinian documents on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict discovered last week show that top officials are willing to give up their claim to parts of Jerusalem in exchange for other pieces of land.

SNOWPOCALYPSE



BAD NEWS FOR THE DEAD

Using the riots as a distraction, looters of the Egyptian Museum caused damage to many antiquities. The looters smashed cases, breaking priceless antiques and stealing a few objects. Unfortunately, experts believe some of the collateral damage done to the mummies is other irreplaceable displays is near impossible to repair.

BERRY TO QUIT ROMCOM

Oscar-winner Halle Berry has pulled out of an acting role in the upcoming movie "New Years Eve" to prepare for a custody fight over her two-year-old daughter with her ex-boyfriend Gabriel Aubry.

OVERCOMING THE TUNDRA

How to make Taylor's Antarctic a little warmer

PAUL YODER
CONTRIBUTOR

Look at your friends reading this paper. There will be some who read this article and arch a questioning eyebrow. "Overcoming The Tundra?" they will ask in the loudest possible voice. "But I love winter!" You have my permission to drop this paper and immediately rectify this person's chipper attitude. But we of regular body temperature need an attitude change as well. Some would say to grin and bear it, while I would point out that a) grinning will freeze your mouth open, and b) we should thrive in every day of life, sub-zero warmth aside. So, this humble heat-lover will attempt a seven-day challenge, trying to make the most of this unique weather in different aspects of campus life.

Monday: Brave the outdoors.

Winter has several great functions: it destroys ground friction, makes new and moldable landscape and allows you to cover your body with giant cushions. God has given us the world's greatest demolition derby, this side of the Chuck E. Cheese ball pit. Cathartically pummel your friends today! Run back to your self-built base, chuckling maniacally that your enemies will

never catch you. Realize after 50 minutes that no one was chasing you. All the throwing, tackling and ice-slipping that would be horrifying in any other weather are somehow charming today, and thank God for it.

Tuesday: Regret Monday.

Monday destroyed your body and sinuses, giving you the best sleep you've ever had. Add "hot" in front of your favorite snack, and you're set. Hot chocolate, hot tea, hot . . . pockets. This stuff is not half as good in summer, so you should probably eat until you are sick. This recovery requires several other heat sources, so find a Snuggie and a fireplace. No fire? Get a freshman to wave red paper in front of your radiator and repeat "Crackle, crackle, crackle..."

Wednesday: Make Le Art!

You see the chocolate stains from Tuesday and get super inspired. Your art supplies are blanketing the ground. Calvin and Hobbes were six, and you're at a (Liberal) Arts University: try to match their "cutting edge of the avant-garde." Revive Monday's megalomania with a snowman army. Carve the ice dripping from your nose, and watch the light play through your snout. Plow something into the snow, from marriage proposals to Pac-Man mazes (or both). Photographers: you can

white-balance. Everywhere.

Thursday: Risk life and limb.

Tired of your tires always sticking to the road? Your boredom will be over today as everything relatively flat becomes a speeding missile. If cars weren't meant to go sideways, why would God give us snow? Sit on a hill and raise your hands. The roller coaster you will experience is actually better if you crash. Try the same trick in June and you'll be sadly disappointed at the tranquility.

Friday: Make Friends.

We make better friends in winter. Our shared suffering makes us better to each other, whether we offer a coat or (cringe) snuggle. There was a reason we came together for Christmas: fellowship when the weather is dark and cold. Don't forget that fact just because break is over.

So, now that it's Friday, find that optimistic person I encouraged you to beat up. Take some snow and lovingly give them all the cold they desire. Make amends, and enjoy their frantic cries of thanks during this season of fellowship.

HOW PRODUCTIVE WAS YOUR J-TERM?

Workin' hard or hardly workin'?

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We all know that after Christmas break, us Taylor kids are magically energized and come back rip-roarin' and ready for J-term. If you nodded in agreement while reading that sentence, you have the brains of a trout. J-term, depending on your classes, is a time when either students have not a lot to do or they run around like a headless chicken! You know the feeling. Simple activities, such as breathing, make you tired. For the most part, J-term is not an occasion where we vigorously pursue social or extra-curricular functions. Based on my observations, some people don't physically move for days at a time. I made it my goal to overcome that apathetic streak and live life to the fullest this last month. Or at least to document weird things. Here is

a list of my accomplishments:

- Crashed into the Bell Tower on my bike. It's hard to make sharp turns in the snow.
- Read five classic novels for World Literature class: I don't want to brag too much, but at the end of the course, Dr. Satterlee told me that my reading level had become "definitely better than that of a third-grader."
- Tried to go bowling twice with my friends. I say "tried" because the first time, we were informed that the bowling alley we were searching for had burned down over a year ago, and in the second instance, the building had been repossessed and was for sale.
- Took my first bath at college.
- Went into the new Eichling Aquatics wing of the KSAC. I didn't get to see the pool, which makes me question its existence. I think the PHP department really installed a giant cafeteria back there so they can

go and scarf doughnuts together in secret from the rest of us, lest their hypocrisy be discovered.

- Watched "Despicable Me" at least four times. I hope someday my daughter will be obsessed with fluffy unicorns.
- Developed the ability to lay eggs after eating 11 chicken tenders during a Sunday brunch meal. A tasty source of protein and only \$3 a dozen, contact me to buy.
- Paid 50 cents for four round-trip bus tickets to Chicago. That's probably the best deal I have ever gotten on anything ever. My three imaginary friends and I had a great time, thanks for asking.
- I may have fabricated one or all of these accomplishments, but it doesn't matter. Second semester has started, and you are probably too busy to care. Welcome back, spring chickens.

WHITE STRIPES CALL IT QUILTS

After 13 years and six albums, White Stripes duo Meg and Jack White have officially broken up. The Grammy-winning group will no longer perform live or create new recordings for multiple reasons, allowing the group to solely belong to the "listener."

Indie Vs. Hollywood

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easy to fall into the habit of watching movies distributed by the major production studios. When you're standing in line waiting to fork over your \$7.85 to purchase a ticket, you most likely already know what movie you want to watch, but the box office also has other options worth viewing.

At a movie theater, you can choose the type of movie you want to see. Action, comedy, drama, fantasy and romance are just some of your options. However, you also have a choice between independent and Hollywood films.

Screenvision.com reports 68 percent of all Americans go see a movie in theaters at least once every year, and it has become the number-one leisure activity. Boxoffice Mojo proclaimed 2009 the highest-grossing box office year in history with \$10.6 billion. The movie industry sold four times the amount of tickets than the MLB, NFL, NBA and NHL combined in 2009 according to the MPAA Theatrical Market Statistics.

Film has become engrained into American culture.

Over a year ago, I only focused on Hollywood movies. I loved going to the movies and feeling knowledgeable about them, but then I went to Sundance and saw the filmmakers' dedication to their work.

In a culture saturated with every kind of film, it's

A movie means more when it's an individual driven to finish his or her passion, rather than a studio producing just another movie.

With limited funds, the independent filmmakers can only focus on one story and creating a human connection. The movie becomes more than just 90 minutes of footage. It becomes personal to the people behind the project. A movie means more when it's an individual driven to finish his or her passion, rather than a studio producing just another movie.

Films at Sundance made me ask myself questions I never would have thought about otherwise. By the end of just a few films, I didn't feel any sense of closure or an overall answer. The directors themselves frequently don't know the answers either, which is sometimes partly why they make the movie — to try and figure it out.

Independent film began as a retaliation against Thomas Edison's film studio called Motion Pictures Patent Company beginning in 1908. The MPPC restricted the ability for non-studio approved filmmakers to make their films. Directors not wanting to be a part of Edison's restrictions moved forward with producing films using their own money, even though their budget was comparably very limited. Edison's strong desire to monopolize the field and eliminate independent film only allowed it to flourish.

Unlike studio-produced movies, independent filmmakers are responsible for raising most if not all of their operating budget whether it is through talking with potential backers, addressing a large group, or creating a website and marketing it for donations.



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Independent filmmakers primarily compose their films to create conversation. They produce their films to tell stories from a unique perspective or to find answers. Name one Hollywood film that tries to legitimately solve a problem. And no, "An Inconvenient Truth" is not a Hollywood film. It's an independent.

The evident passion filmmakers at Sundance and other festivals have is what makes independent film different. These directors more often than not have a burning story they want to tell,

and they will do what it takes to screen their films. Watching one of these films makes it a privilege to support their level passion for their story.

In the end, we might want to thank Edison for trying to monopolize the industry and inversely enabling filmmakers to create powerful stories and not just watching the frequently fluffy studio made movies the big production companies tend to release. Independent film has certainly made its mark in cinematic history.

Taylor at Sundance

Nerves were high and temperatures were low, while we stood in long lines among the black coat clad art film community members at the 2011 Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah. The moments before being let into a screening of a highly-anticipated film for the very first time ever is like "the anticipation of standing in line for a roller coaster ride," according to senior Stephen Dorman. This feeling was the unique reality for 12 Taylor media production students and professors John and Kathy Bruner three to four times a day this January.

Set in the historic mining town of Park City, Robert Redford's Sundance Film Festival saw its 32nd year last week. Park City was transformed from a quiet ski town into a booming metropolis of independent filmmakers, students, artists and Hollywood elite. Every "up and comer" is hoping to catch the attention of some industry professionals and get the multimillion dollar deal they dreamed of all through film school.

As an annual J-term course, Taylor students received credit through participation in the faith-based Windrider Forum. Windrider, associated with Sundance for the past seven years, host many film students who have gone on to very successful careers in the film industry. Taylor students were joined by students from Biola, Fuller Seminary, Brigham Young, Point Loma and Fuller Seminary. Industry professionals like Ralph Winter ("X-Men," "Fantastic Four")

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These students and professionals are not scared to have a presence and a voice in an industry that deals with tough issues.

and Luke Matheny (2011 Academy Award nominee) also accompanied the students.

The art community has been blamed by some Christian and conservative communities as being responsible for the "sex, drugs and rock and roll" corruption of morals and youth through the media. But Windrider, led by Pepperdine Universities Craig Detweiler encourages faith-based conversation, ministry and participation within the largely secular crowd.

"We try to choose films that offer the greatest potential for art and insight, which open up theological possibilities," Detweiler said.

This was a perfect example of Christ-like behavior in the modern world. These students and professionals were not scared to have a presence and a voice in an industry that deals with tough issues. The students who participated witnessed films which dealt with rape, murder, sex, drugs and lies. They also were able to talk with the directors and producers and ask the hard questions. Their stance in faith is one that can offer a fresh perspective to many of these people who are searching for answers.

Those in the world of media are not afraid to dive into hard topics. Christians need to meet these determined and fearless artists where they are instead of standing on the outside and judging them.



Photo by Ben Fulton

(Left to Right) Professor John Bruner, Professor Kathy Bruner, Jamison MacKillop, Eric Skala, Alyssa Keeling, Chase Moore, Kelsey Getzin, Jacob Fulton, Zach King, Dave Baker, Elizabeth Goldsmith, Stephen Dorman and Timothy Kerigan outside the Fulton home in Park City.

Review: Black Eyed Peas

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backward. This opens up a comparison floodgate, since most of their new album embodies the feel of simple techno rehash.

To be fair, even a step backward for The Black Eyed Peas displays a certain charisma. Every bleep and bloop of computer tuning feels tightly honed, as if the band micromanaged every 0 and 1 in the entire album. "The Beginning" also showcases their mastery of transition. Track breaks are nearly nonexistent, and the experience is flawlessly continuous in pumping rhythm.

The album begins with "The Time (Dirty Bit)," an interesting mesh of signature Peas style with '80s sentiment. The end result is something between trashy headache-inducer and genuine entertainment (similar to most of their songs). It is followed by a trio of entertaining electrohits, pure clubbing fare. You are not supposed to think long about the falsely-romantic "Love You Long Time." The Peas want you to forego all brain function and celebrate the club culture. Like their previous culture-engulfing songs, they nearly always succeed.

"Someday" and "Forever" attempt lyrics of depth, to passable results. These songs are more like kiddie pools than oceans. However, the attempt is appreciated, given artists like Ke\$ha and Katy Perry dotting the music landscape.

After that brief foray, we slip back into fun trance-like tunes. "Fashion Beats" sounds like it was ripped straight from an '80s exercise video, with Will.i.am's claim, "club rocker, that's my personality" signaling a return to eye-rolling form. The following track, "Don't Stop the Party" follows suit, but that could be guessed by the title.

"Do It Like This" is a surprising track, since it is the most "rap-like" song on the entire album. It was an interesting attempt at the genre, but rap is not one of the Peas strong suits.

The final three tracks encompass the styles the Peas are best at: dance, R&B, and electro funk. None of them do the genre stylings much justice, but they conclude the "The Beginning" reminding you why The Black Eyed Peas are so massively successful.

It may be a step backward from the spectacular "The E.N.D.," but it is a pretty funky backstep. I imagine this is simply part of their careful choreography. The next Black Eyed Peas album could be another leap forward, but "The Beginning" will be remembered as a simple precursor.

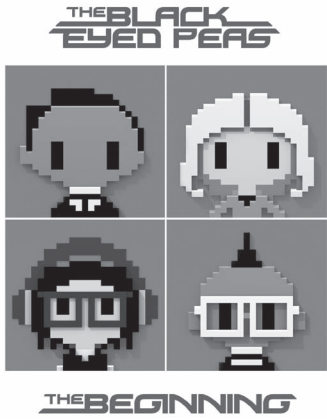


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Jacob Fulton was able to interview group leader Kathy Bruner to get her perspective on the film festival and what makes this program so special for Taylor students.

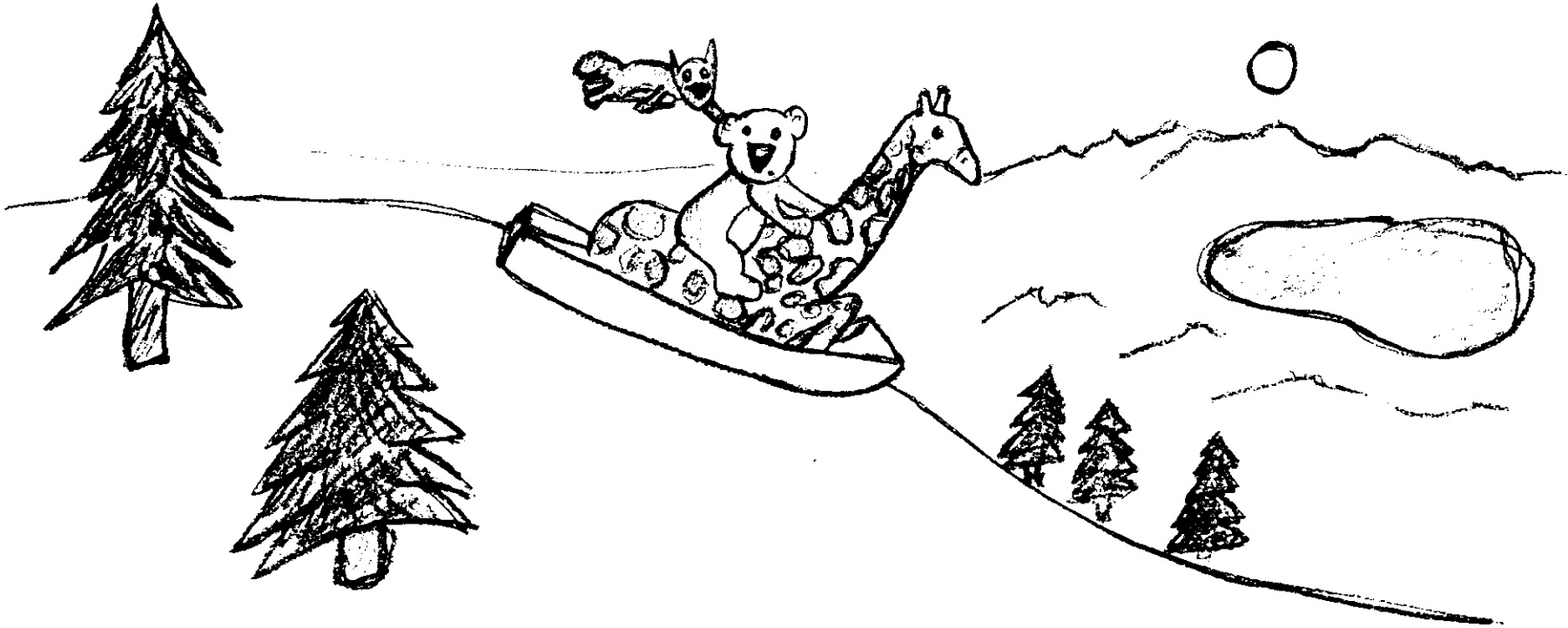
JF- "How long has Taylor participated in Sundance and been a part of the Windrider Forum?"
KB- *"This was our fourth year."*

JF- "What is the difference between this film festival and other ones that you have been a part of?"
KB- *"I can say that Sundance is the most influential North American film festival, and many people would say it's probably the second most influential in the world after Cannes in France. It's certainly an important festival for discovery of new talent and independent works that are hoping to get distribution and be seen by a wider audience."*

JF- "Do you see groups like Windrider making a difference at a place like Sundance?"
KB- *"Well Windrider is the unique experiment—a group of believers who are convinced that Christ's followers need to be in the midst of the cultural conversation. So it makes sense that people who believe passionately in that idea would place themselves in the middle of an influential film festival. And also because independent filmmakers are often saying important things with their relatively low-budget films (laughter). The kinds of things they are saying are expressing worldviews and questions about the meaning of life, problems we face on the Earth and the human condition, so it makes sense that Christians would be in the midst of that conversation and able to dialogue from a biblical perspective. So I think it's a wonderful experiment. God has blessed it, and it's grown each year."*

JF- "What advice would you give to anyone looking to be a Christ-like presence in largely secular industries?"
KB- *"The best advice is to really hone your skills in order to be excellent at your craft, because only if your work is excellent will you have an entry point for conversation about the gospel. If you do shoddy work, you won't gain anyone's respect. So our focus is to become artful communicators and storytellers, and if we can do that with excellence, then people will ask about our work but then ultimately about who we are, and I think that's the doorway for conversation about who we are in Christ."*

WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU SNOW



BY KARA HACKETT

My favorite Christmas gift this year was a new day planner. I like knowing what I have to do and when it has to be done, and I'm convinced crossing assignments off my list is the most satisfying feeling in the world.

Efficiency is my way of life. After all, I'm a professional writing major, but if there's one thing I've learned this year it's that life doesn't always go according to plan. If you've ever slept past an important deadline or accidentally deleted an entire paper, you know what I mean. Some things simply can't be planned for.

Perhaps that's why I sympathize with the state officials who received more snow than they expected this winter. Across the East Coast, record-breaking snowstorms have shattered annual averages, and it's only the beginning of February. New York City, which usually receives about 22 inches of snow all year, has received more than 56 inches. Other big cities like Philadelphia, Washington D.C. and Boston were hit hard, too, and most of these cities have already exceeded their multi-million dollar snow removal budgets.

In Boston, earth movers have piled snow more than five stories high in vacant lots called snow farms. New Jersey

has reported more than 500 accidents. New York City airports have canceled more than 1,000 flights, and workers in Washington, D.C. have had six-hour evening commutes.

Snow makes us stop. It's an unwelcome interruption in our schedules.

Even President Barack Obama has been affected by the snow. His helicopter was grounded, and his motorcade was stuck in traffic to and from the White House.

After whiteouts in the Northeast, the Midwest could be facing a similar situation. Some are calling it "Snowmageddon" or "Snowpocalypse," and psychologists say weather

conditions are contributing to negative attitudes nationwide.

Explaining this phenomenon, weather service meteorologist Edward Fenelon in Chicago said, "We don't like to stop for anything, weather or otherwise."

Snow makes us stop. It's an unwelcome interruption in our schedules, and it makes day planners obsolete. Newspapers across the nation have shown snowy streets, abandoned cars and backbreaking shoveling techniques.

My favorite picture shows a little boy and his father sledding together. They're both bundled up in snow suits, the dad's tongue is sticking out, and the little boy's SpongeBob snow hat is bouncing off his head. The caption reads: Making the Most of a Snow Day.

The world is full of problems like snow that disrupt our plans. The father in the photo probably lost a day of work, and the little boy most likely missed a day of school, but they made the most of what they had.

Making the most of the day doesn't always mean taking efficiency to the max. Sometimes it means having a sense of humor to enjoy the little moments that make efficiency ineffective. When life gives you snow, go sledding.

REMEMBERING THE FORGOTTEN

MEDIA MOVES ON, BUT HAITI IS STILL HURTING

As Americans, when a natural disaster strikes, we are immediately eager to help. We raise money, send people to the affected

area and make sure we leave the place better than it was before. But after a couple months, we move on. We assume that everything has been taken care of and that the disaster area is all better. This is not always the case.

It has been a little over a year since a massive earthquake rocked Haiti's soil. Right away, Americans responded by sending money and people to help. Horrific pictures and stories emerged from the earthquake, causing an increase in support for the devastated Haitians. But soon, the attention died down. The media moved on to more recent news and forgot all about what had happened in Haiti. But that didn't mean the problems in Haiti were over.

Even before the earthquake, Haiti was in drastic poverty. Haitian houses were made out of mud, and the people ate mud pies and only drank dirty water. Needless to say, they were dreadfully malnourished. But since the earthquake, things are worse: millions are homeless, the poverty situation is growing, and cholera has rapidly spread.

I witnessed this poverty when I went to Haiti three years ago on a mission trip with my dad and others from my church. I saw things that I would have never imagined when I was there: incredibly skinny children who were obviously not get-

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ting enough food or water, houses made out of sticks and mud and piles of trash that people lived in. The fact that Haitians lived in

such horrible conditions truly saddened me. How could I live in such luxury when these people had nothing? It didn't seem fair.

In the years following my trip, I never forgot about Haiti and what I experienced there. When the earthquake happened, my heart broke even more. I wanted to do something to help and I wanted to be there, but that wasn't possible. Thankfully, I am blessed to study at a college that has a heart for missions, and I am glad to see the interest that Taylor has expressed in Haiti. Unlike many other institutions in America, Taylor has not forgotten about Haiti and the many challenges that the people still face. In fact, this spring break there will be a trip to Haiti. Under much guidance and prayer, I plan on going back with the spring break team.

This year, I encourage everyone to remember Haiti and the other countries in our world that still have many needs. We must not forget about the people who need our help the most. Some ways to get involved are to seek out organizations like World Vision and sponsor a child or donate, go on a mission trip or earnestly pray. Taylor has great outreaches you can get involved in. Above all, remember those our country has forgotten and listen for your own calling from God to help out in whatever way he wants.

BACK TO THE CORNFIELDS

Last semester, I rode to class in a kangaroo's pouch. I swam with platypuses, wrestled crocodiles and threw shrimp on the barbie. I conquered the Australian Outback. And now I'm in Upland. I've had a month to get used to life here again—a freezing January trying not to think of sunny Bondi Beach.

Studying in Australia for a semester was, to say the least, exciting. The most ordinary things became new and interesting. Public transportation, grocery shopping and even doing laundry became an adventure, a way to explore a culture. Now that I'm at Taylor, everything is just as unexciting as I remembered, but now, it's even worse because all I can think of is how great it was in Sydney.

I'm not unhappy to be back. I missed this place and the people in it more than anything. But going from something extraordinary back to what seems so ordinary is hard.

I know I'm not alone in this. Anyone returning after a semester abroad or a J-term trip struggles to stay satisfied here. Traveling makes the world much bigger than Upland. After hiking up volcanoes or visiting ancient ruins, it's hard to be impressed by farmland. And upon return, you suddenly feel stuck. Our windy town doesn't quite compare to the exotic locations we've seen, and we easily become disenchanted with Indiana, like living in the jungle for a while gives license to hate cornfields.

That's understandable. In the past few months Taylor students have been all over the world, on six continents. Those

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experiences are truly life-changing, and they should stay with you forever.

It isn't bad to be enthusiastic about your trip. New places always seem more exciting than home. And it isn't bad that you've been to the most beautiful places in the world. The problem comes when we no longer find value where we are.

In general, we tend to think that "different" equals "better" when it comes to our location. Anywhere but here becomes a dream vacation. Adventure certainly isn't here, it's out there somewhere.

But Taylor isn't a bad place. It may not be exciting like the city or exotic like the rainforest, but it has so much to offer. Rediscover the things you love here, like the friendships or the peace, or the 32 ounces of Dr. Pepper

for 74 cents. You don't have to leave to have an adventure, you just have to get creative.

It's easy to believe that Australia, Ireland or wherever has an irreplaceable magic that made your experience amazing, but your attitude and the relationships you began are far more important than the landscape. Friendships that were born overseas can easily continue in Grant County.

Learn to appreciate where you are right now. It doesn't do any good to spend your time wishing you could go back and not take advantage of this very moment.

Living life to the fullest doesn't always mean leaving. It could be embracing where you are—even if that place embraces you back with subzero temperatures.

In general, we tend to think that "different" equals "better" when it comes to our location.

Need a soapbox?

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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL DEFEATS SPRING ARBOR

The women’s basketball team defeated Spring Arbor 68-40 Thursday night to improve to 14-12 on the season and 5-7 in conference. Spring Arbor dropped to 8-18 on the season and 2-10 in conference. The win snapped a three-game conference losing streak for the Trojans.

Taylor started the game hot on offense, scoring 11 points in the first five minutes. After scoring their first five points in the paint, back to back three-pointers by sophomore Tess Rudolph and senior Becca Morris gave the Trojans an 11-4 lead out of the gate.

The Trojans’ full-court press and aggressive man defense forced nine Cougar turnovers in the first 10 minutes of the game, extending their lead to 16-9. Taylor proceeded to go on a 9-0 run to widen their lead to 25-9.

But Spring Arbor answered right back, going on a 12-0 run and pulling within four points at 25-21. Taylor tried to answer the Cougars’ run from behind the arc but could not, going 0-3 from three point land during Spring Arbor’s charge. The Trojans traded baskets with the Cougars for the remainder of the first half and went into halftime leading 31-27.

Senior Allison Reece led the way for the Trojans in the first half, scoring nine points on 4-8 shooting. Taylor shot 35 percent as a team in the first half, and after hitting their first two three-pointers went 0-5 from beyond the arc. Senior Melissa Tejkl led the comeback for Spring Arbor, scoring 10 points and adding four rebounds in

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the first half.

After two free throws pulled the Cougars within two to start the half, the Trojans went on an 11-0 run and never looked back. The Taylor defense forced seven Spring Arbor turnovers and held the Cougars to just six points in the first 10 minutes of the second half.

The Trojan offense got going in the second half, shooting 48 percent from the field and hitting 3-6 three-pointers. Taylor finished the game on a 26-11 run bringing the final score to 68-40. The Trojans held the Cougars to just 13 points in the second half on 15 percent shooting. Taylor forced 22 turnovers in the game and had 12 steals.

Rudolph led the Trojans with 23 points, shooting 4-7 from behind the three-point line. Reece added 19 points and five blocked shots. Reece’s twelfth point gave her 1,000 for her career at Taylor.

Tejkl finished the game with 12 points and seven rebounds for Spring Arbor. Junior Ashley Stelter added 11 points on 4-7 shooting.

The victory for the Trojans came on Breast Cancer Awareness Day. Pink T-shirts and raffle tickets were sold to fans during the game, with half of the proceeds going to the American Cancer Society and half going to the family of an Indiana Wesleyan women’s basketball player who is currently battling cancer. Breast cancer survivors were honored at halftime.

Taylor will continue conference play tomorrow at No. 23 Marian at 1 p.m.



Photo by Tim Riechmiller

Sophomore guard Erin Guarneri fights to maintain ball control during women’s basketball’s win versus Spring Arbor last night.

MEN’S BASKETBALL FALLS TO SPRING ARBOR

Men’s basketball fell to MCC opponent Spring Arbor last night in Spring Arbor, Mich., 48-58. A low shooting percentage and constant turnovers led to the Trojans’ demise as they fell to 14-11 and 4-8 within the MCC.

The away match was originally scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 2, but the ice storm prevented the Trojans from traveling anywhere until road conditions improved. Shooting was appropriately cold on both sides of the net as the first half opened inside Bockwitz Court. Both teams fought hard inside the paint to pull down a constant stream of rebounds from an off-shooting night.

Taylor fell to an immediate 9-point deficit within the first six minutes of play, but reduced the lead to five as the half closed, 18-13, Spring Arbor. The low score reflected inconsistency in shooting, as Spring Arbor shot eight of 31 and Taylor hit six of 23 field

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goals in the opening stanza.

Although the Trojans failed to convert shots, they forced Spring Arbor into poor shots and collected the resulting rebounds. Taylor sophomore big man Nate Kasper played an integral role for the Trojans as a dominant force in the paint. Kasper hit four of five field goals and one of two free throws for nine points in the first half, controlling rebounds and drawing fouls in the center of the action.

Thanks to Kasper’s strong performance, the Trojan men kept an even rebound pace with Spring Arbor, recording 33 boards while Spring Arbor recorded 36 on the game. Senior Trojan guard Drew Tower pulled down an additional six rebounds for the Trojans.

Taylor continued to shoot poorly into the second half, but Spring Arbor shot with the same inconsistency. The Trojans hit a higher field goal percentage by the end of

the game, shooting 37.7 percent in 17 of 45 shots. Spring Arbor shot only 35.5 percent, hitting 21 of 59 field goals. Although Taylor managed to stay within pace offensively, ball control was an issue.

Turnovers were the Trojans’ breaking point. Spring Arbor recorded 12 turnovers on the game, while the Trojans recorded 17. This allowed Spring Arbor to eventually pull away to an 18-point lead with two minutes and forty seconds remaining in the game. Taylor reduced the lead to 10 with an 8-point run as the final seconds dwindled off the clock.

Kasper had a team-high 16 points, while grabbing five rebounds and only committing one foul on the night. Sophomore guard Casey Coons finished the night with 10 points, three assists and three rebounds.

Men’s basketball will play again on Saturday, Feb. 5, against MCC opponent Marian inside Odle Arena.

BASEBALL PREPARES FOR UPCOMING SEASON



Photo By Tim Riechmiller

Taylor baseball players warm up and practice before their season begins inside the Kesler Student Activities Center Wednesday night.

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In just a few weeks the 2011 Taylor University baseball team will start their journey toward another successful baseball season.

The Trojans look to build on their success from last year after making it to the national tournament.

The 2010 Taylor baseball team finished the season with a conference record of 18-4 and an overall record of 38-17. Last season was the first outright MCC regular season championship that Taylor had ever won.

Many accolades were given out to the Trojans. There were six players named to the MCC All-Conference team. Former shortstop and Taylor Alumni Michael Kraynak was named MCC player of the year and received honorable mention as an NAIA All-American.

Unfortunately for the Trojans, they were eliminated in the opening round of the NAIA National Championship by Mount Vernon Nazarene College.

The 2011 Trojans look to learn from last season and make it further into the National Championship tournament.

Head coach Kyle Gould explained some areas that the Trojans could improve on for this upcoming season.

“We just need to keep getting better defensively and [improve] our pitching depth,”

Gould said. “The other pitchers who have not gotten as much chances really need to step up and have a good year, because of the injuries we are down a couple of players who we were really counting on.”

The Trojans are bringing back most of the team from last season including sophomore Taylor Luna who led the team in batting average his freshman year. First basemen Ryne Otis is returning for his junior season after leading the team in stolen bases and RBI.

Another notable returning player is left handed pitcher Ryan Baker who led the team in strikeouts and ERA. Baker will look to carry his success on the mound from last season into the 2011 season.

Taylor is bringing in a few new players to help with their goal of returning back to the National Championships. The Trojans have some new transfer athletes, as well as five freshmen joining the team.

Gould commented on some notable athletes, who are new to the team, including Ian Nielsen, Dominic Spadafora, David Rupp, Craig Martin and Austin York.

Ian Neilson is a junior transfer student from Ball State University. He was a division I freshman All-American as well as an All-Conference player in the MAC conference.

“We expect big things from him,” Gould said.

Dominic Spadafora is junior outfielder from Wabash Valley College. According to Gould, he is expected to swing well.

“Craig Martin and David Rupp are two left-handed pitchers who are going to see a lot of time on the mound this year,” Gould said. “Austin York is a freshman who really stood out in practice this year.”

Two players who have shown a lot of improvement from last year are Michael Nassar and Travis Tomaszewski.

“I like to think everyone has gotten better, but I think Michael Nassar has made a lot of improvement defensively. Travis Tomaszewski, even though he has had two really good years, has done a good job on the mound and I expect him to be even better than he has been,” Gould said.

Gould stated that all the conference games were important. He also emphasized the importance of the non-conference games against Butler and the nationally-ranked Southern Polytechnic

Taylor kicks off the season in three weeks on Feb. 25 against Tennessee Temple in Chattanooga. They start the season with six games on the road and will not play at Taylor until March 12.

TROJAN SPORTS IN BRIEF

MEN’S BASKETBALL (14-10, 4-7)

RESULTS

01/22 versus Indiana Wesleyan L, 61-60
01/25 at St. Francis W, 76-74
01/29 versus Huntington L, 68-61 (OT)

SCHEDULE

02/05 versus Marian 3 p.m.
02/08 versus Grace 7 p.m.
02/15 at Goshen 7 p.m.

REVIEW

Before their match up against Spring Arbor, Men’s basketball lost to No. 22 Huntington last Saturday. Huntington chipped away at a 44-31 Taylor lead with 11 minutes remaining in regulation, leading to an overtime loss in Odle Arena. Sophomore Trojan guard Casey Coons scored a game-high 23 points for the Trojans.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL (13-12, 4-7)

RESULTS

01/19 versus Bethel W, 84-82
01/22 at Indiana Wesleyan L, 72-58
01/26 versus St. Francis L, 87-74
01/29 at Huntington L, 79-70

SCHEDULE

02/03 versus Spring Arbor 7 p.m.
02/05 at Marian 7 p.m.

REVIEW

Women’s basketball lost at Huntington University last Saturday after shooting a 30 percent field goal average on the night. Taylor managed to lead Huntington by two points going into the second half but lost their advantage after Huntington went on an 11-4 run in the opening minutes of the second. Freshman guard Kelsey Bryant scored a career-high 20 points on the night, which also tied for a game-high with two other Huntington players.

SOFTBALL (0-0)

RESULTS

Season Not Yet Started

SCHEDULE

02/05 versus Marian 3 p.m.
02/08 versus Grace 7 p.m.
02/15 at Goshen 7 p.m.

REVIEW

Season Not Yet Started

BASEBALL (0-0)

RESULTS

Season Not Yet Started

SCHEDULE

02/25 at Tennessee Temple 3 p.m.
02/26 at Tennessee Temple 1 p.m.
03/04 at Union College 3 p.m.
03/05 at Union College 1 p.m.

REVIEW

Season Not Yet Started

WINTER TRACK

RESULTS

Season Not Yet Started

SCHEDULE

02/05 at Indiana Wesleyan Invitational 11 a.m.
02/12 Taylor Invitational 10 a.m.
02/18 at Trine Invitational 4 p.m.

REVIEW

Season Not Yet Started

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Nellie Eskew

Photo by Tim Riechmiller

YEAR:	Junior
HOMETOWN	Anderson, Ind. aka The Dirty A
NICKNAMES:	Nells, Nell, Nellinator, Q, NellBell, Nellikins, Spiderman
FAVORITE MOVIE:	“The Princess Bride” or the “Rocky” series or “Dirty Dancing.” I can’t decide.
DREAM VACATION:	Europe with unlimited time and funds
BEST BASKETBALL MEMORY:	College: going to the Tyson Chicken Center 2 years in a row High School: getting a triple double in the sectional final game against one of our rival schools
FUNNIEST TEAM-MATE:	All of them. But mostly Reece.
FAVORITE DC FOOD:	Baked potato with cottage cheese on top. I eat it twice a day, every day.
IF YOU COULD BE ANY ANIMAL FOR A DAY:	Hedwig